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EL PASO MAN INDICTED FOR ACTIONS AGAINST EL PASO ISLAMIC CENTER

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that a federal grand jury in El Paso, Texas, returned a five count indictment this afternoon against 57-year-old Antonio Flores, charging him with Damage to Religious Property, Obstruction of Person in the Free Exercise of Religious Beliefs, Malicious Damage to Property, Use of Fire or Explosive in Commission of a Felony and Use of Destructive Device in Commission of a Crime of Violence.

According to the indictment, on September 17, 2004, using two Molotov cocktails, the defendant attempted to damage the Islamic Center of El Paso, due to the religious nature of the property. In doing so, he attempted to obstruct members of the Islamic Center of El Paso from the free exercise of their religious beliefs. Flores is expected to be arraigned on the Indictment on October 29th.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney William Lewis.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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